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Message:

Dear Governor Cooper,

I have many concerns about the impacts of the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) on landowners, local governments, vulnerable and critical

natural resources, and on the waters and economy of eastern NC.

- 1. The ACP is NOT needed for residential and economic development needs and increases our climate vulnerability. Furthermore, it is matter of national security to keep the natural gas reserved and protected and not spread out through numerous pipelines across our country.
- 2. The ACP will actually INCREASE costs for NC electric ratepayers.
- 3. Pipelines will be even LESS needed in the long term because renewables (wind and solar), are already the predominate source of new and increasingly cost-competitive generating capacity being built in the nation.
- 4. The ACP's claim of many new jobs that would be created by the ACP is a gross exaggeration.
- 5. Low income and minority communities and landowners would be disproportionately impacted. Landowners and residents have the right to use and enjoy their wells and property without facing eminent domain for a lucrative pipeline project should give our elected and agency officials considerable pause.
- The pipeline would bring with it the risk of leakage, fire and explosions, and additional expenses to local governments, as well as possible impacts to groundwater and private wells. FERC's own data show that pipelines built since 2010 have experienced a five-fold increase over the previous decade in significant incidents, rising even higher than for pipelines built prior to the 1940s!
- 7. Critical natural resources, unique to North Carolina, would be substantially impacted.

The ACP would NOT serve the public good of North Carolina and I am totally against it being permitted for construction. It would only serve to financially benefit the ACP owners! Therefore, Governor Cooper, I am respectfully requesting that you do everything in your power to disapprove the ACP and not permit it to be constructed in NC.

Sincerely, /s/ Ronnie Smith The results of this submission may be viewed at: https://governor.nc.gov/node/11/submission/20295